# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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RECONSTRUCTION OF AFGHANISTAN
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to provide about 3 billion dollars for the reconstruction of Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the strategies finalized in this regard ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No sir.

(b)&(c) As part of its commitment to provide humanitarian assistance and to contribute to the reconstruction and rehabilitation in post conflict Afghanistan, government has taken several concrete actions. On 21st November 2001, a team of doctors and paramedics, along with a consignment of medicines, was sent to Afghanistan to revive our cooperation with the Indira Gandhi hospital in Kabul. Additional doctors and paramedics, with another consignment of medicines, were sent on 12th December 2001. The government has also pledged to provide one million tonnes of wheat for internally and externally displaced Afghans, and those in need. We have also declared our intention to provide a line of credit of US$100 million to Afghanistan for reconstruction and rehabilitation, once the situation in Afghanistan has stabilized.